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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the position of India in the group of selected Asian and European Countries so far important health indicators are concerned;

(b) whether there are inter as well as intra differences in the health indicators in India;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide quality health service across the country including Konkan region of Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c): As per the publication 'The State of the World's Children 2011' brought out by UNICEF, the position of India vis-a-vis some of the Asian and European Countries for the health related indicators of Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) per 1,000 live births, Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) per 100,000 live births and Life Expectancy at Birth is given below:

Country	IMR 2009	MMR 2008	Life Expectancy at Birth 2009 (Years)
India	50	212#	64
China	17	38	73
Bangladesh	41	340	67
Pakistan	71	260	67
Sri Lanka	13	39	74
United Kingdom	5	12	80
Germany	4	7	80

Source: Registrar General of India for the period 2007-09

It is observed that there are inter-country variation for these indicators. Further, there are intra-country variations as may seen from the State-wise position of these indicators given in Annexure.

(d) & (e): the Government has launched the National Rural Health Mission (2005-12) for providing integrated comprehensive Primary Health Care Services, especially, to the poor and vulnerable sections of the Society throughout the Country including Konkan region of Maharashtra. NRHM envisages to strengthen rural health care services through increased community ownership, decentralisation, inter-sectoral convergence, increasing public spending on health and by providing accessible, affordable and quality health care services.